GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the voluntary agencies help the Government in evolving a new strategy to tackle mass poverty and the consequent growing levels of unemployment; and

(b) if so, the strategies evolved by the Government to remove deficiencies in implementing a number of anti-poverty programmes with the coordination of voluntary agencies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): Government of India (GOI) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed an agreement in October 2003 to collaborate on the project entitled `National Strategy for Urban Poor`. The Development objective of the project is to support adoption of a new national strategy for urban poverty reduction at the Centre and the States, based on informed debate, local/international experience and research findings on the causes and potential responses to urban poverty. The project would support a combination of initiatives like research and network building for dialogue on policies and regulations and a facility to support community associations and NGOs for actual ground level work through two distinct but mutually reinforcing components, viz., national component and National Capital Region (NCR) component. The GOI-UNDP project provides for pilot initiatives involving NGOs, and other Voluntary Agencies.